Recruitment of unemployed youth by ULFA

†813. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aware that ULFA is recruiting unemployed youths for their outfit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ULFA is conducting training camps in deep forests of Assam;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether Government have formulated any plan to destroy these training camps; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (c) According to reports, United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) has been recruiting unemployed youths for its outfit and has set up training camps in deep forests.

(d) and (e) A Unified Headquarters has been functioning in the State to coordinate the Counter Insurgency (CI) operations of Army and other Security Forces. State Police/Central Police Organisations have been asked to intensify CI operations against ULFA and other extremists groups. The CI operations are continuing. Security Forces during their CI operations have been raiding militant camps in deep forests. The security forces have been successful in neutralizing a number of cadres of ULFA and other extremists groups.

Infiltration of Pak terrorists enroute Nepal and Bangladesh

†814. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALLAS* BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to prevent entry of Pakistani terrorists through Nepal and Bangladesh;

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(b) whether assistance from the bordering State Governments is being sought/received;

(c) if not, the hurdles therein;

(d) whether any efforts have also been made to get assistance from reliable voluntary organisations; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) Sashastra Seema bal (SSB) and Border Security Force (BSF) are the border guarding forces deployed on India-Nepal and India-Bangladesh border respectively. The forces maintain round the clock surveillance of the border and work in close coordination with the State Governments. The forces have also beefed up their intelligence network and coordination with other intelligence agencies. The agencies also have their local sources for information gathering.

Disposal of mercy petitions since Independence

815. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure prescribed, if any, for submission and examination of the mercy petitions filed under Article 72 of the Constitution of India on behalf of convicts after the sentence of capital punishment has been confimed by the Apex Court;

(b) the details, since Independence, of mercy petitions filed, disposed of and remaining pending at the end of each decade duly indicating the number of cases where mercy was granted and refused; and

(c) the details of mercy petition pending as on October 31, 2006 indicating the period since when pending, in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per the procedure prescribed for dealing with mercy petitions, a petition can be filed by a condemned prisoner or on his befalf to the Hon'ble President of India or Governor. The petition preferred as such, is considered under Article 161 of the Constitution by the Governor. In case of rejection by the Governor the petition is considered by the Hon'ble President of India under Article 72 of the Constitution of